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1. KAMPUCHEA

ADMIN REJECTS MIL ACTION TO END KILLING IN KAMPUCHEA/
STRESSES USE OF DIPLOMACY AGAINST "MONSTROUS HUMAN RTS
VIOLATIONS" THERE. DOS' RESTON SAID TUES, US "DOES NOT
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INTEND TO INITIATE AN EFFORT" TO RESOLVE SITUATION THERE BY
MIL FORCE/IS NOT AWARE OF ANY INTL SUPPORT FOR SUCH PLAN.
SAID US WILL CONTINUE CONSULT W/OTHER GOVTS TO FOCUS INTL
ATTENTION ON INHUMAN SITUATION IN KAMPUCHEA (UPI, CHITRIB;
AP, SUN).

2. KAMPUCHEA/VIETNAM/CHINA

US CONGRESSIONAL DEL MET TUES W/PHAM VAN DONG, SAID HANOI
BELIEVES CHINESE TROOPS/HEAVY ARTILLERY ARE FIGHTING W/

KAMPUCHEA IN BORDER WAR. ASKED WHAT DONG/OTHER VIET LEADERS TOLD THEM ABOUT CHINA, REP MONTGOMERY (D-MISS) SAID "NOTHING GOOD." RIFT BETWN VIETNAM AND CHINA "IS DEEPER THAN I THOUGHT," ADDED REP DANIELSON (D-CALIF) (UPI, CHITRIB; CSM--BOTH HANOI).

3. VIETNAM

WP REPORTS US/SRV HAVE AGREED INFORMALLY TO HOLD NEW ROUND TALKS RE ESTABLISHING RELS DURING UNGA STARTING LATE SEPT. SAYS OFFICIALS REVEALED TUES BOTH SIDES AGREED IN DIPLO CONTACTS THAT UNGA WOULD BE GOOD TIME/PLACE FOR MTG, 1ST SINCE DEC.

IN HANOI, CONGRESSIONAL DEL MET PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG/ SOURCES SAID AFTERWARDS THAT VIETS TOLD GROUP SRV WAS DROPPING DEMAND FOR WAR REPARATIONS. ONE CONGRESSMAN QUOTED AS SAYING VIETS "JUST WANT US ON THEIR SIDE AGAINST THE CHINESE. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE." CODEL ALSO REAFFIRMED ITS EARLIER CONCLUSION THAT 3209 MIAS ALL DEAD. DEL HEAD MONTGOMERY SAID IT IS TIME FOR MIA FAMILIES GIVE UP HOPE (AP'S GRAY HANOI, PHINQ/SUN; UPI'S GROWALD HANOI, CHITRIB; JOC).

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4. CHINA

CHRMN HUA RECEIVED ROUSING WELCOME FROM ABOUT 400,000 PEOPLE WHEN HE TOURED YUGOSLAV CAPITAL TUES. REUTER (BELGRADE) SAYS RECEPTION--BELIEVED BIGGEST/MOST ELABORATE FOR YUGOSLAV FON VISITOR--UNDERScoreD DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTRY'S RELS W/PRC. IN MAJOR SPEECH TUES NIGHT, HUA EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR YUGOSLAV INDEPENDENCE, CALLED FOR CLOSER BELGRADE-PEKING RELS, LASHED OUT AT SOVIET "EXPANSIONIST POLICIES"--"FAR MORE BITTER" ATTACK THAN IN HIS BUCHAREST SPEECH (SUN). PHINQ HAS AP PHOTO OF HUA WAVING TO CROWD DURING RIDE W/TITO.

"TASS" HIT BACK AT HUA TUES, FOR "DEMAGOGIC AND HYPOCRITICAL CHARACTER" OF HIS MONDAY BANQUET SPEECH ATTACK ON SOVIET POLICY, ACCUSING HIM OF HYPROCISY/TRYING COVER UP PEKING'S EFFORTS TO SPLIT WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT (REUTER, SUN MOSCOW).

5. JAPAN

CHI S-T NEWS SERVICE REPORTS US MAJOR TV MANUFACTURERS HAVE PARLAYED RISING SALES/SHARP DECLINE IN JAPANESE IMPORTS/WEAKNESS OF US DOL INTO THEIR 1ST PRICE INCREASES IN 5 YRS. NOTES HOW DOMESTIC FIRMS HAVE RECEIVED RELIEF FROM "THE JAPANESE PERIL," AFTER BEING PLAGUED FOR YRS BY ACUTE PRESSURE FROM SONY/SANYO/TOSHIBA/MATSUSHITA/ET AL

(BALT NA 8/22).

UPI (JOC) SAYS US MRKT IS LUCRATIVE ONE FOR JAPANESE COLOR FILM MAKERS, BUT THEY FACE MAJOR SALES BLOCK: MOST AMERICANS THINK PHOTOGRAPHIC FILM COMES IN YELLOW PACKAGE MARKED "KODAK." NOTES JAPANESE HAVE HEADACHE EVEN IN DOMESTIC MRKT--REDUCTION IN IMPORT TARIFF MAKES POSSIBLE FOR KODAK REDUCE PRICE OF ITS PRODUCTS W/O LOSS.
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MITSUBISHI ANNOUNCES IT WILL ACT AS LOCKHEED AGENT IN JAPAN. IN BURBANK, CALIF, LOCKHEED CONFIRMED THIS, BUT DECLINED FURTHER COMMENT. AP (TOKYO) NOTES PLANE MANUFACTURER HAD BEEN UNABLE FIND JAPANESE AGENT SINCE MARUBENI CORP CUT TIES IN APR '76, IN WAKE OF PAYOFF SCANDAL (WSJ).

GOJ FINANCE MIN WILL PROVIDE 150,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS OF SHIPS TO LDC'S TO INCREASE JAPAN'S DEVELOPMENT AID FOR RECESSION-PLAGUED SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY, MINISTRY SOURCES SAID TUES (UPI, JOC).

6. VIETNAM/THAILAND

VIET TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED TO VISIT BANGKOK WEDS POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER TRIP OF PM PHAM VAN DONG IN SEPT (UPI BANGKOK, JOC).

8. THAILAND

HEAD BANGKOK'S DRUG PREVENTION PROG SAID ESTIMATED 6-8 PCT OF CITY'S POP--BETWN 300,000/400,000--IS ADDICTED TO HARD DRUGS. MOST, HE SAID, ADDICTED TO HEROIN NUMBER 4, PUREST GRADE SOLD ON STREET (REUTER BANGKOK, WP).

RTG HAS DECIDED FON MINING FIRMS W/THAI MINERAL CONCESSIONS WILL REGISTER AS THAI COS W/NO MORE THAN 40 PCT FON OWNERSHIP (UNICOM NEWS BANGKOK, JOC).

8. LAOS

FRANCE BROKE DIPLO RELS W/LAOS TUES FOLLOWING EXPULSION
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ALL FRENCH EMB PERSONNEL FROM VIENTIANE. NEITHER SIDE SPECIFIED ISSUE CAUSING BREAK: LAOTIAN NOTE REFERRED TO "HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF FRENCH DIPLO PERSONNEL"/FRENCH OFFICIAL SAID FRANCE HAD PROVIDED LAOTIAN REFUGEES ASYLUM (WP; UPI, JOC--BOTH PARIS).

9. MALAYSIA

JOC SPEC (KL) REPROTS AMERICAN EXPRESS INC WILL ACQUIRE 20 PCT IN MALAYSIAN-INC PACIFIC BANK THRU ITS SUBSIDIARY,

AEIBC.

10. SINGAPORE

CONCLUDING VISIT TO SINGAPORE, FRG ECON MIN SAID GERMANY SUPPORTS SINGAPORE'S FREE TRADE POSITION/WILL LOOK INTO SINGAPORE'S REQUEST FOR BETTER ACCESS TO EEC FOR ITS MFGRD GOODS. ALSO ANNOUNCED VISIT OF FRG CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IS FIXED FOR OCT 13-14 (UPI SINGAPORE, JOC).

11. AUSTRALIA

REUTER (CANBERRA) REPORTS TRANSPORT MINISTER NIXON SPOKE OUT TUES AGAINST PRES CARTER'S DECISION TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION IN INTL AIRLINE ROUTES; SAID CARTER ADMIN'S UNVEILING OF AGGRESSIVE POLICY ON INTL AIR TRAVEL DID NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF INTERESTS OF SMALLER NATIONS LIKE AUSTRALIA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

12. CHINA

WSJ EDIT (8/22) FINDS NOTHING INSCRUTABLE ABOUT IMMEDIATE AIMS OF HUA'S SOCIALIZING ON PERIPHERY OF SOVIET EEUROPEAN UNCLASSIFIED

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FRONT YARD. NOTES ALL THIS "CHINESE POLITICKING...DRIVES THE KREMLIN PEOPLE UP THE WALL." AS TO US REACTION, COUNSELS THAT NOTHING IN HISTORY OF SINO-US RELS, OR IN TURMOIL OF PRC INTERNAL POLITICS, RECOMMENDS US JOIN PEKING'S STRATEGY OF THE MOMENT. CONTENTS NEXT DEVELOPMENT IN CHINESE COMMUNISM CONCEIVABLY COULD BE TOWARD RAPPROCHEMENT W/SOVIETS, AND US HAS ITS OWN RELS TO FORGE W/SOVIETS, PARTICULARLY ON QUESTION OF ARMS CONTROL--MATTER COMPLICATED ENOUGH W/O EMOTIONAL INTRUSION OF CHINA.

WSJ SAYS, HOWEVER, STILL POSSIBLE TO WELCOME HUA'S WESTWARD ROAMINGS AS FURTHER SIGNAL THAT PRC IS ENDING PERIOD OF STERILE/ORINOUS ISOLATION, IS LOOKING FOR FRIENDS IN IDEOLOGICALLY UNLIKELY PLACES. SAYS AN OUTGOING CHINA IS LESS TO BE DREADED THAN CLOSED/NUKE-ARMED/ZENOPHOBIC ONE. IF PEKING'S NEW DIPLOMACY BRINGS CRIES OF PAIN FROM USSR, BECAUSE OF CHINESE ATTEMPT TO COUNTER RUSSIAN EXPANSION/ INFLUENCE, IT IS HARDLY TO HUA'S DISCREDIT. CONCLUDES THAT PEKING'S BID FOR WESTERN EQUIPMENT/TECH/TRAINING/ECON COLLABORATION IS AT LEAST AS WORTHY AS SOVIET'S HOPES FOR

ADVANTAGE FROM PURCHASE OF WESTERN TECH.

PROF JEROME CHOEN (LAT 8/20) SAYS ONLY PRC'S WARMING RELS W/US REPRESENT ABOUT-FACE COMPARABLE TO "DIPLOMATIC DEXTERITY" NECESSARY TO ARRANGE HUA KUO-FENG'S YUGOSLAV VISIT--AND NO TOP CHINESE LEADER HAS YET MADE OFFICIAL US VISIT. SEES HUA HOPING BOOST HIS PRESTIGE BY ACQUIRING BADLY NEEDED EXPERIENCE IN INTL POLITICS THRU BRIEF EUR SWING. SAYS SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY GROPING FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO PEKING'S RENEWED DIPLO DYNAMISM--BUT "IT WON'T BE EASY."

KAREL KOVANDA, WHO LED PRAGUE STUDENTS' UNION DURING
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DUBCEK ERA, CONTENTS SOVIET'S "BRUTAL QUASHING" OF DUBCEK REGIME WAS MAJOR TURNING POINT IN PRC AND RUSSIAN FOREIGN POLICIES. CONTENTS, THO "FACT HAS RECEIVED LITTLE ATTENTION" IN POPULAR PRESS, CZECH INVASION SHOCKED CHINESE LEADERS/DEEPENED THEIR SUSPICIONS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS/ EVENTUALLY BROUGHT THEM TO ESCALATE SINO-SOVIET RIFT TO "POINT OF NO RETURN" (LAT 8/20).

PROF TERRY DEIBEL FINDS IT "FASCINATING" TO NOTE EXTENT TO WHICH CARTER ADMIN'S "KEY POLICY PROBLEMS RESULT FROM OTHER NATIONS' MUTUAL ANIMOSITIES." CITES AMONG "MANY" EXAMPLES, US POL IN "FAR EAST" WHICH "REMAINS STALLED UNTIL WE RECOGNIZE" PRC--"ACT MADE EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT BY ITS HOSTILITY" TO ROC, AND BY LATTER'S "RECIPROCAL DETESTATION OF PEKING" (CSM).

THOMAS N THOMPSON (SFO CHRON 8/16) SAYS DESPITE "SMALL SIGNS OF PROGRESS" TOWARDS US-PRC NORMALIZATION, "THERE IS NO REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT "EVENTUAL OUTCOME," DUE TO PRC'S "HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM." AT SAME TIME, SAYS US IS SUPPORTING IN ROC REGIME W/"NO INHERENT LEGITIMACY," SINCE 85 PCT ARE NATIVE TAIWANESE, WHILE "ALL SENSITIVE POSTS REMAIN IN MAINLANDER HANDS."

13. CHINA/KAMPUCHEA/VIETNAM

LAT'S MCARTHUR (BANGKOK 8/22) SAYS IF SRV TO BE BELIEVED, PRC IS BUILDING GIANT AIR BASE IN KAMPUCHEA CAPABLE OF HANDLING B-52S. SAYS PLANE MENTIONED BY RADIO HANOI IN EFFORT IDENTIFY CHINESE LEADERSHIP W/US, EVEN THO CHINA HAS NO B-52S. NOTES W DIPLOS DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH PROJECT, THO REPORTS NOT BEING DISMISSED OUT OF HAND SINCE OTHER FAR-FETCHED REPORTS LATER VERIFIED BY INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS.

MCARTHUR CITES EXAMPLE OF CAMBODIAN REPORTS 3 MOS AGO WHICH
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SAID MANY VIETS KILLED IN AREA N OF PP, PREVIOUSLY NOT BATTLE AREA. SAYS ANALYSTS, SIFTING THRU REFUGEE REPORTS,

HAVE CONCLUDED THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT FIGHTING IN AREA, INVOLVING RESISTANT FORCES, NOT VIETS. NOTES CHINESE HAVE FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS IN KAMPUCHEA/THEY ARE OPERATING AIRLIFT FROM PEKING TO PP. SAYS OBSERVERS BELIEVE THEY HAVE INFLUENCED PP GOVT TO LESSEN REGIME'S ISOLATION/LIBERALIZATION EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.

14. KAMPUCHEA

SEN MCGOVERN (D-SD) REITERATED TUES HIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH INTL FORCE TO TOPPLE COMMUNIST REGIME IN KAMPUCHEA, SAYING WORLD CAN NO LONGER IGNORE "SYSTEMATIC SLAUGHTER OF PEOPLE BY THEIR OWN COUNTRY." MCGOVERN EMPHASIZED HE IS NOT CALLING FOR UNILAT US MIL OPRN, BUT MULTI NATL FORCE (CSM).

TIME-LIFE NEWS SERVICE'S DEVOSS (HK) OBSERVES IS DOUBTFUL INTL FORCE SUGGESTED BY MCGOVERN COULD EASILY TOPPLE CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP. COUNTRY, HE SAYS, IS HIGHLY DECENTRALIZED W/SEMI-AUTONOMOUS REGIONS EACH CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING/DEFENDING ITSELF. NOTES KAMPUCHEA HAS NO COMMUNICATIONS TO DISRUPT OR INDUSTRIAL CENTERS TO SEIZE, KR HAVE NO ARMY BASES/AMMUNITION DUMPS/AIRSTRIPS. CONCEDES MCGOVERN IDEA MAY BE WELL-INTENTIONED, BUT ANY LIBERATION WOULD COST THOUSANDS OF LIVES. POINTS OUT OBSERVERS BELIEVE COUNTRY WILL SOON BE TOPPLED BY COUP OR INVASION, BUT SAVIORS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO BE CAMBODIAN (WSJ 8/22).

WSJ EDIT COMMENTS ON MCGOVERN'S PROPOSAL. AFTER SUMMARIZING UNCLASSIFIED

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EVENTS OF LAST 20 YRS IN INDOCHINA--MANY DETERMINED BY US ACTION--CONCLUDES ONE OF GOOD THINGS TO COME OF OUR SORDID END OF US INDOCHINA CAMPAIGN WAS PERIOD OF RELATIVE SILENCE FROM THOSE WHO TOOK US THRU ITS PAINFUL CONTORTIONS. OPINES THEY SHOULD HAVE GRACE TO MAINTAIN THEIR QUIET FOR AT LEAST WHILE LONGER.

15. VIETNAM

ACCORDING WP'S BONNER, STUDY TEAM SENT TO VN BY SEN KENNEDY URGED TUES IMMEDIATE US ECON AID/NORMALIZATION OF DIPLO/TRADE RELS AS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT. AT SENATE JUDICIARY CMTE HEARING ON GROUP'S REPORT, 4 SAID THEY FOUND EVIDENCE IN VN OF HUNGER/MALNUTRITION/POOR MED CARE/DISEASE/GEN

INABILITY TO CURBE POP INCR. TUFTS UNIV PRES SAID
NORMALIZATION WOULD REESTABLISH US MORAL AUTHORITY IN ASIA/
INSURE IND OF VN FROM PRC/USSR. ALTHO NO SPECIFIC
LEGISLATION IN WORKS THAT RESPONDS TO TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS,
KENNEDY SAID HE EXPECTS MANY OF CONCERNS WILL BE ADDRESSED

IN SELECT CMTE ON NUTRITION/HUMAN NEEDS/RECOMMENDATION
THAT US MULTI-NATL FIRMS BE ALLOWED INTO VN WILL BE
DISCUSSED W/COMMERCE DEPT.

IN ANOTHER ARTICLE FOR SUN (BANGKOK 8/21), PARKS NOTES
WHILE SRV SIGNALLING STRONGLY ITS WANTS NORMALIZE RELS,
CARTER ADMIN FEELS MOVE TOO RISKY POLITICALLY. SAYS
VIETS HOPE VISIT OF MONTGOMERY CODEL WILL START SHIFT IN
US PUBLIC/CONGRESSIONAL OPINION TOWARD NORMALIZATION.
VIETS NOTE "NO REAL PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SINO-
AMERICAN RELS IN MORE THAN 5 YRS," AND PROSPECT OF
SINO-US RELS "BEING USED TO KEEP AMERICAN POLICY FROZEN"
RE SRV THEY SAY IS "CLEAVER EXCUSE TO DELAY FURTHER WHAT
CAN BE DONE NOW." PARKS CITES RECENT MOVES BY VIETS WHICH
SHOW THEIR SINCERITY. OBSERVES THAT IF TRADE EMBARGO
CONTINUED AFTER SEPT, VIETS LIKELY TAKE IT AS DELIBERATE
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